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JENNINGS: ... Tonight, Pierre Salinger reports on the two nations principal intelligence agencies, the KGB and the CIA.

SALINGER: The KGB headquarters on *Drjinski Square in Moscow, the CIA headquarters in Langley, Va.--two powerful intelligence organizations pitted in an unrelenting worldwide struggle--the KGB, 500,000 employees, the CIA, 45,000. The KGB, with wide powers operating in secret in a totalitarian state; the CIA, much narrower powers and subject to constant congressional and news media overview. The KGB experts and agents recruiting this information, Internal Security Control; the CIA dominant in electronic espionage, once again engaged in worldwide covert operations. WILLIAM COLBY (Former CIA Director): The KGB doesn't correspond just with CIA; it corresponds with CIA, the FBI, the Board of Police, the state police of all our states, the Treasury, the Secret Service, all of that.

SALINGER: More than that, the KGB controls the Soviet army, has its own army to deal with internal disorders, runs its own prison, and has its own terrorist squad which led the invasion of Afghanistan, murdering Prime Minister Amin and sowing panic in Kabul. The politburo has given the KGB these extensive powers so it can fulfill its primary objective--controlling the internal life of the Soviet Union. LEOPOLD LABEDZ (Journalist): The success of the KGB within the last year has been containment first and then the disruption of the Soviet dissident movement.

SALINGER: The KGB also runs a worldwide network of agents assigned to Soviet embassies--news agencies, airline offices, and international organizations like the U.N.--their number one target, the United States and its high technology. It is an easy target. A Soviet spy can get 95 percent of the information he needs simply by reading publicly available technical journals, many of them printed by the U.S. government. But getting highly sensitive information requires recruiting well-placed U.S. agents. A case study--James Durwood Harper, an agent corrupted by money. According to FBI investigators, Harper, for a long time a Silicon Valley technician, stole reams of top secret military documents at Systems Control, Inc. in Palo Alto, Calif. Harper then sold the documents for \$250,000 to a Polish spy, who passed them on to the KGB. The information: how the Minuteman missile could escape a Soviet nuclear attack; the damage to U.S. security: beyond calculation. Another KGB tactic--the use of illegals, or sleepers, highly trained agents planted in Western countries in the hopes they will reach positions of influence and authority. A case study--*Gunther Guillaume, ostensibly an East German refugee in West Germany--in reality, a top-ranked East German intelligence

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